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Health Office,
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July, 1963.

To the Chairman and Councillors,
Urban District of Filey.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1962.

The Registrar General's figures for the year indicate a population of 4,490, a decrease of 10 compared with last year. This is the second year running that there has been a decrease in the estimated population. There were 53 births during the year compared with 62 last year and an adjusted birth rate of 12.39 per 1,000 population compares with the national figure of 18.0 per 1,000 live births. 69 deaths occurred during the year, the same number as last year and an adjusted death rate of 14.2 compares with the national death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 population. There were no deaths in infants under 1 year of age.

Of the infectious diseases, measles continued to be the most prominent, 42 cases being notified during the year. All cases were under 14 years of age.

Once again, there were few changes in the sanitary circumstances of the District. The water supply continued as in previous years, but is now managed by the East Yorkshire (Wold Area) Water Board. The sampling of water at source is undertaken by the Board but the Council's Public Health Inspector still takes samples of water as received by the consumer. 18 such samples submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination were satisfactory. Concerning sewage disposal, the Public Health Inspector reports an improvement in the condition of the Primrose Valley stream since completion of the sewer, and the schemes for Royal Oak and Hunmanby Gap still remain in hand.

On food hygiene it is pleasing to note that 100 per cent meat inspection has been maintained during the year.

In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work and help during the year and also to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.H. MAUGHAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	2,106
Population : 1962 Registrar General	4,490
Rateable value ..... 31st December 1962	£119,887
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/3	£ 489
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1932

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	
Number	53
Crude birth rate	11.80
Adjusted birth rate : Comparability factor R.G. 1.05	12.39
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	1.89
Still Births	
Number	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	36.36
Total live and still births	55
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	-
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	-
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	36.36
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-
Deaths	
Number	69
Crude death rate	15.37
Adjusted death rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.93	14.29
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Rate per 1,000 population	.22
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	6
Rate per 1,000 population	1.34
Deaths from Heart Disease	26
Rate per 1,000 population	5.79
Deaths from Cancer	9
Rate per 1,000 population	2.00

Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

Births

Live Births.....18.0 per 1,000 population

Still births..... 18.1 per 1,000 total live and stillbirths

Deaths

Death rate ..... 11.9 per 1,000 home population

Infant mortality ..... 21.4 per 1,000 live births.

Causes of Death in Filey U.D. 1962 (R.G.)

	Males	Females
All Causes	40	29
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Cancer, stomach	1	-
Cancer, breast	-	1
Cancer, other sites	6	-
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	5
Coronary disease, angina	11	2
Other heart disease	7	6
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Pneumlnia	-	3
Bronchitis	2	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	1
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
All other accidents	1	-

Infectious Diseases Notified during 1962

Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 -14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Total deaths
Measles	-	22	20	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1952 - 1962

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis (Post-infectious)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	195	19	5	149	16	141	11	16	8	181	42
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fevers....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	3	2	7	6	4	6	18	5	4	9	3
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-
Whcoping Cough.....	4	37	43	2	37	10	1	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows :

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1961	17	13	3	3	36
Added to the Register :					
(a) cases notified for the first time during the year	1	1	-	-	2
(b) un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications.....	-	-	-	-	-
(c) inward transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address etc	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1962	18	13	3	3	37

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

There are no hospitals in Filey. Hospital facilities are available at Scarborough and Bridlington.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited Filey in April and held public sessions. A total of 405 persons were examined.

NURSING HOME

There is a Nursing Home in the District registered with the County Council to provide accommodation for up to 30 patients.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House, Bridlington, Danes Lea, Bridlington, "The Limes", Driffield and the Wold House, Driffield.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES - NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

The following services are provided in the District by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority :

Infant Welfare Clinic

An Infant Welfare Clinic is held in the Conference Hall on alternative Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Home Nursing Service. There is one District Nurse/Midwife residing and working in the District.

Health Visiting

One Health Visitor works in the Filey area. Her office being situated in the Conference Hall (telephone number 2282).

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Medwifery Service as indicated above.

Ambulance Service

The St. John's Ambulance Brigade run the Ambulance Service on an agency basis for the County Council. The ambulance station is situated in Mitford Street (telephone number 2225).

Domestic Help

Home Help service which is rendered in the District is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number OHU281281)

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority schools in the District. Head inspections of children in the primary schools is undertaken by the school nurse at the beginning of each term.

Immunisation against diphtheria and poliomyelitis and B.C.G. vaccination is made available to children in school.

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Buckrose Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months a co-ordinating Committee, under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Bridlington to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the National Assistance Board, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Wpmen's Voluntary Service, Probation Officers, and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair of the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Women's Voluntary Service

The W.V.S. undertakes the sale of welfare foods for infants at the Conference Hall each Friday 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and also at each infant welfare clinic.

They also administer a Meals on Wheels service, a Chiropody service, a Darby and Joan Club and at 19, Queen Street, an Old Persons Centre.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

Filey lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and cases requiring the services of the Society are visited by Inspector White working from Scarborough. Inspector White's work is much appreciated by those of us in Bridlington concerned with child welfare.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

GENERAL

The condition of the stream at Primrose Valley has improved since the sewer was completed but a few premises are still connected to a septic tank and are not taking advantage of the new sewer.

The Queen Street re-development scheme continues and in June a further scheme was commenced which entails the building of nineteen homes in Padbury Avenue for tenant purchase.

PRESERVED FOOD - REGISTERED PREMISES - SECTION 16 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

8 premises are registered in the District. 16 inspections were made and the standard was found to be satisfactory.

FOOD HYGIENE

The standard of food preparation and handling within the area is generally good and informal action has been sufficient to obtain improvements where required. Reliance is placed on the education of food handlers to maintain conditions, and advice is given during the course of inspections of the premises.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS.

One Dairy is registered and 18 inspections were made which revealed a high standard of cleanliness and efficiency. 15 samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst and all proved to be satisfactory.

THE ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT ETC) REGULATIONS.

29 premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for the sale of Ice Cream. At only one is Ice Cream manufactured using heat treatment in accordance with the regulations. At the majority of premises pre-packed Ice Cream is sold from the freezing cabinets. A new type which is becoming increasingly popular is the Soft Ice Cream, and great care must be observed in the cleaning and sterilising of the machine and a set routine strictly adhered to otherwise samples fall into the lower grades. I have received the fullest co-operation from the operators of this type of machine. Ten samples of Ice Cream were submitted to the Public Analyst with the following results:-

Grade I	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
7	2	Nil	1

UNSOUND FOOD

The following is a summary of unsound Food, excluding Meat from the Slaughterhouses surrendered and disposed of by the Local Authority.

Food	Weight
Canned Fruit	44 lbs
Canned Ham	55 "
Canned Tongue	18 "
Corned Beef	14 "
Canned Vegetables	29 "
Canned Fish	5 "
Prawns	12 "
Luncheon Meat	4 "
Cheese	28 "

Slaughterhouses

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district serving the needs of two local butchers. One is limited to the slaughter of sheep and pigs only. Both comply with the requirements of the Slaughterhouses Act 1958 and have been operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

Meat Inspection

All meat slaughtered at the two licensed slaughterhouses has been inspected and the quality of the animals slaughtered has been good. The other butchers obtain their meat from animals which have been slaughtered outside the district, principally at Scarborough or Driffield.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	113	-	-	898	157	-
Number inspected	113	-	-	898	157	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	-	-	24	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	9.73	-	-	2.67	5.02	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY

The Council's Supply has now been integrated within the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board, but the water is still obtained from the boreholes in Filey and proved satisfactory both as regards quantity and purity. Eighteen bacteriological samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and all conformed to Class I Ministry of Health Classification.

The following is a recent chemical analysis of the water:-

Raw Water ex Borehole

pH Value	7.5
	Parts per Million
Free Carbon Dioxide	10.0
Free ammonia as N	0.030
Albumenoid Smmonia as N	0.003
Nitrogen as Nitrates	1.0
Nitrogen as Nitrites	Nil
Chlorides as CI	51.0
Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$	260.0
Permanganate figure (N/80 4 hours)	0.230
Total Solids	408.0
Calcium as Ca	65.0
Magnesium as Mg	19.0
Sodium as Na	62.0
Carbonates as CO3	156.0
Sulphates as SO_4	49.4
Nitrates as NO_3	4.4
Total Hardness (pts.$CaCO_3$ per 100,000)	24.2

Treated Water ex Borehole

Free Carbon Dioxide	4.0 Parts per Millio n

Bacteriological Samples taken from both the open air and covered in Swimming Pools at Butlins Camp proved to be satisfactory.

CAMPING SITES

The three licensed Caravan Camps are ahead of the schedule incorporated within the licence for the improvement of the sites, and the camps together with the Caravan Club site have been operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The system still operates under which the service is free to domestic premises and a charge is made for business premises.

There appeared to be a slight increase in the activity of rodents, and there is little doubt that without the services we offer throughout the year, rodent control would become a major problem. Sewer manholes were test baited and where there was any evidence of infestation, poison baits were laid. The Council tip was kept under close observation and baited when any signs of infestation were evident.

Number of Visits by Rodent Operator 324
Infestations eradicated 113

HOUSING

The 6 flats and 2 of the three bedroomed houses within the Queen Street Re-development Area have been completed, and a scheme under which 19 houses for tenant purchase are to be built was commenced in Padbury Avenue.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(A)	(I)	Total number of Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts)	44
		Number of inspections and re-visits	138
(B)		Remedy of defects without service of formal notice:- Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	11
(C)		Action under Statutory powers during the year (Proceedings under Housing Acts, 1936 & 1957)	
		(I) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
		(2) Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	
		(a) by Owners	1
		(b) by Local Authority	Nil
(D)		(1) Number of houses subject to Closing Orders	1
		(2) " " " closed by owners	1
		(3) " " " demolished by owners	Nil
		(4) " " families rehoused	1
		(5) " " persons involved in (4) above	7

FACTORIES ACT, 1957 and 1938.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health:

	Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices
(a)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	6	6	Nil
(b)	Factories not included in (a) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	26	26	Nil
(c)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	5	5	Nil
	TOTAL	37	37	Nil

Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) (b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The bulk of refuse as opposed to weight continues to rise, and until we are able to resume salvage operations and reduce the amount of cardboard and paper which has to be covered at the tip, extreme vigilance has to be maintained particularly with regard to fire risk.

The tip is regularly baited by the rodent operative and gammexane powder has been found effective for the purpose of fly control.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Houses - Public Health and Housing Acts	138
Local Authority properties	440
Complaints received and investigated	92
Slaughterhouses	183
Dairies	16
Smoke Observations...	2
Infectious Diseases	4
Grocers, Fruiterers etc	19
Butchers Shops	24
Camping Grounds	37
School Canteens	2
Bakehouses	24
Cafe & Hotel Kitchens	22
Fish Shops	16
Ice Cream Premises	20
Cinemas	4
Snackbars	6
Public Conveniences	59
Seasonal Stands	23
Wasps Nests destroyed	7
Drainage inspections and tests	41
Drainage systems amended & renewed	5
Notices served - Informal	8
" " - Formal	1
Notices outstanding end of 1961	Nil
Notices complied with - Informal	8
" " - Formal	1